

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2891 without my signature.

This bill would permit fellows who have completed one of the four Capital Fellows Programs to compete in promotional State civil service exams.

While I believe fellows who have completed and served in one of the four programs, are skilled, intelligent and knowledgeable, this bill is unfair by allowing these fellows to compete in exams under circumstances not available to State civil service employees or their fellow CSUS employees.

Employees of the State Legislature are only able to participate in promotional state civil service exams if they have served two or more consecutive years of employment. This bill would create an unfair standard by allowing fellows, who only serve a term of eleven months, the same eligibility.

There is no demonstrated need to warrant this bill as fellows currently interested in state employment currently have many opportunities for State employment through competition in the open State civil service exam system.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger